NewsBank
Daily Leader (published as DAILY LEADER) - February 4, 1999 - page 1
February 4, 1999 | Daily Leader (published as DAILY LEADER) | Pontiac, Illinois | Page 1

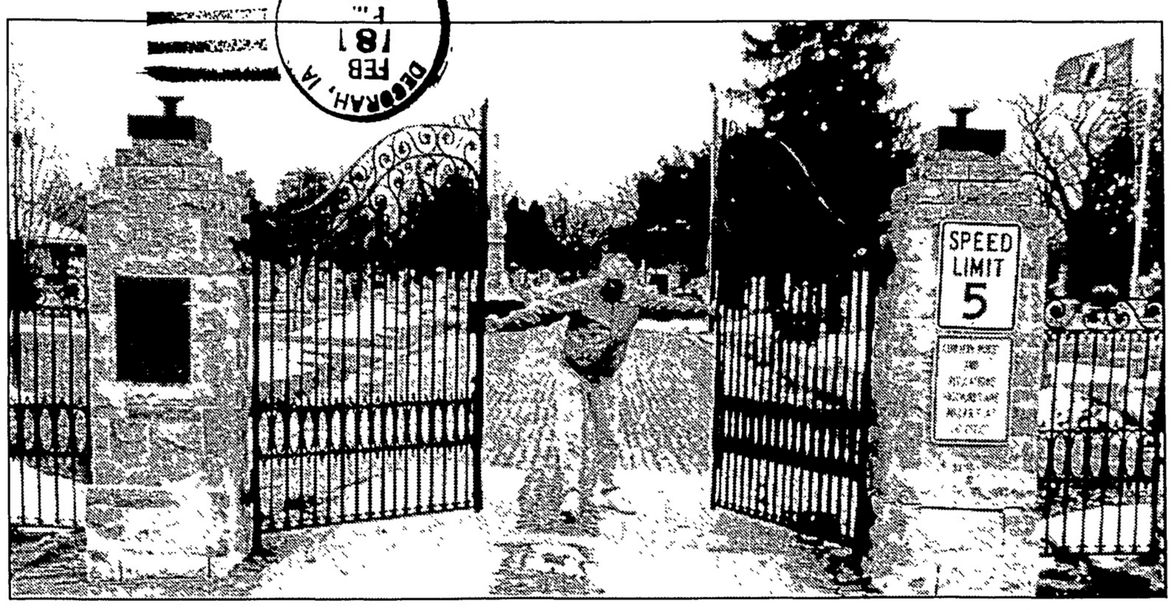
Thursday, February 4, 1999

DAILY LEA

Pontiac, Ill. Livingston County's Home Newspaper Since 1880 50 cents

HERITAGE MICROFILM INC.
PATRICIA CUFLIN 08/10/99
1450 BOYSON RD BLDG B
HIAWATHA IA 52233

DEBORAH, IA FEB 1999 PM



Karl Holohan/*Daily Leader*

These gates at Pontiac's South Side Cemetery will be among items designed or built by Thomas F. Googerty, a Pontiac native, that will be on exhibit at a museum in Memphis this spring. Standing between them is James Melvin, cemetery sexton.

Memphis museum to exhibit Thomas Googerty iron works

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part story on Pontiac native Thomas F. Googerty, his work in wrought iron, and an exhibition of his work scheduled this spring in Memphis.)

By John Faddoul
Staff Reporter

He was born in Pontiac the year before Lincoln was shot, and died here the year World War II ended. He taught for more than 30 years at what is now the Pontiac Correctional Center, and all three of his books on blacksmithing are still in print.

Now, more than half a century after his death, Thomas F. Googerty (1864-1945) will be the focus of a two-month exhibit at the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis this spring.

Among items on display there will be the traffic and pedestrian gates from Pontiac's South Side Cemetery. The Pontiac City Council voted Monday to lend the two traffic and two pedestrian gates to the museum for the exhibit.

The four gates will be restored and shown, along with other Googerty work, in a centerpiece exhibit celebrating the 20th anniversary year of the museum, the country's only museum dedicated exclusively to the collection and exhibition of metalwork. The gates are one of the largest examples known of Googerty's architectural ironwork, and were completed just three years before his death.

Titled "Forging Character, Forging Iron: The Work of Thomas F. Googerty," the April 25-July 3 exhibit will display examples of his work and work of the students he taught in Pontiac — and attempt to recreate the world Googerty worked in when the prison was a reformatory and an important part of the city's social and cultural life.

"Thomas F. Googerty lived and worked in relative obscurity in a small Illinois town teaching blacksmithing to young inmates at the state reformatory," the the exhibit brochure notes. "At the same time he also earned a national reputation as a producing artist and left a body of metalwork and publications that still inspire blacksmiths today."

The museum's senior curator for special projects is Howard S. Miller, a Pontiac native and retired history professor who as a young child knew Googerty, and who about a decade ago proposed the exhibit to the museum.

"Googerty was the only Pontiac artist of his day with a national reputation," Miller said in a

Please see 'Googerty' Page 5

Teen found and doing well after overnight ordeal

By Sheila Shelton
Staff Reporter

DWIGHT — Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson said he is very pleased that a 16-year-old Dwight youth has been found and that he is safe.

The youth's name was not being released by police

"We were contacted by his parents at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and told he was missing. We entered the vehicle information and physical description of him into our LEADS system. However at that point there wasn't much we could do," said Henson.

At 11 a.m. the youth called his parents in Dwight from the cellular phone in his parents car which was the vehicle he was driving when last seen.

"He was completely disoriented and did not have any idea of where he was located. He knew he was on a dirt road, but he had no idea of where," said the chief.

Henson said the youth then called 911 from the cellular.

"When you call 911 from a cellular you are connected to a state police district. In this case, three cellular towers serving state police agencies picked up the signal. The cellular provider then started tracing the signal to give us an idea of where to begin focusing rescue efforts," he said.

"We were joined in the search for him by District 6 State Police, Dwight Fire and Emergency Medical Services and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Illinois State Police were getting ready to send a plane from Springfield when we found him," Henson said.

Dwight Emergency Medical Service personnel found him at 2900 North and 3000 East, three miles east of Dwight and three miles south of Illinois 17

The road was in fact so muddy that a special vehicle had to be borrowed from the Dwight Fire Department to reach him

"Ambulance personnel checked him out to make certain he was not suffering from hypothermia He was then released to the custody of his parents and they later took him to a hospital to be checked out again," said Henson.

Dwight Police nab alleged sex-offender

By Sheila Shelton
Staff Reporter

DWIGHT — A Dwight resident was taken into custody this morning on two sexually related felony warrants out of Massachusetts.

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson said his officers took Richard Donaghy, 42, of 304 E. Seminole St. into custody and to the Livingston County Jail late this morning.

The state of Massachusetts notified police here that they will extradite Donaghy on the two counts of inappropriate touching of a child. One count alleges indecent behavior with a child over 14 and the second count alleges the indecent behavior with a child under 13

Henson said an extradition hearing would be scheduled in Livingston County Circuit Court.

"Our involvement in this case came when we were contacted by District 17 State Police at LaSalle who had been contacted by Massachusetts. Donaghy was last registered as a sex offender in Peru. He obviously has previous sex crime convictions. In discovering his failure to re-register in Peru it was determined that he was now living in Dwight," said Henson.

Henson said Donaghy was not registered as a sex offender in Livingston County. He said there are no charges pending against Donaghy in Livingston County.

"He apparently has been living in Dwight since May of last year. He was indicted by a Bristol County, Mass., grand jury on April 17, 1997. He was considered number one on the county's top ten list of wanted individuals," said Henson.

GOP senators turn against live testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans moved to bring President Clinton's impeachment trial to a prompt conclusion today as Majority Leader Trent Lott signaled a lack of support for live testimony and GOP lawmakers shrank from an effort to declare the president guilty without removal from office.

Emerging from a closed-door GOP caucus, Lott told reporters the Senate was "on track" for a final vote on the two articles of impeachment by Feb. 12, or perhaps a day earlier

For their part, Democrats renewed a call for a formal censure of the president but only after the trial ends with his acquittal on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Lott made his comments shortly before the resumption of the trial, and an effort by House prosecutors to summon Monica Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal for live testimony.

Republicans have been trying to find an exit from a trial that is unpopular with the public Democrats have increasingly referred to the proceedings as a "Republican trial."

"The longer it goes, the more it becomes a partisan trial, a Republican trial," Democratic leader Tom Daschle told reporters.

He said the Democrats were drafting a proposal to censure Clinton and expected to have it completed in a day or so.

"It does not appear that the votes are there for live witnesses," despite a desire by House prosecutors to summon Ms. Lewinsky and the two others to testify, Lott told reporters today.

The Senate Republicans also indicated today that prospects were dimming for a proposal that would conclude Clinton committed wrongdoing without removing him from office.

"The Democrats have blocked it. We don't want this to break into a partisan melee," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said

Please see 'Impeach' Page 5

Monkey business

Karl Holohan/*Daily Leader*

Stinky, a Capuchin monkey, was one of the animals brought to Asta Care Center of Pontiac on Wednesday by Wildlife, Inc. — a non-profit organization — of Freeport. Holding Stinky is Chris Ager of Wildlife.

Clinton considers sending troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today he is seriously considering sending U.S. troops to enforce the peace if a settlement is reached in war-scarred Kosovo.

"The Balkans are an explosive area. They touch other difficult areas, and unless we can contain and ultimately defuse the ethnic hatreds in that region they can embroil us ... in a much larger conflict," Clinton said.

"The time to stop this conflict in Kosovo is now," he said, "before it spreads and when it can be contained at an acceptable cost."

Congress has reacted skeptically to the administration's suggestions that U.S. troops may be needed to help NATO enforce a peace plan in Kosovo. But Clinton said he was concerned that the violence, if unchecked, could spread to Albania and Macedonia, and even draw in Greece and Turkey

"Certainly if this conflict continues, we'll see another massive humanitarian crisis," Clinton said.

The president was adamant that no troops should be committed

Please see 'Troops' Page 5

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

www.pontiac-il.com/leader

Circulation Dept. may have delays

Roger Swearingen, ***Daily Leader*** circulation manager, has announced that his department will be upgrading the computer program next week in preparation for Y2K. This upgrading could result in a delay in processing starts, stops and renewal payments and announcements The ***Daily Leader*** regrets any possible inconvenience this may cause our customers.

Bank robber still being sought

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) — Police were still searching today for a man who robbed the First Federal Bank on Wednesday afternoon, authorities said.

The man walked into the bank about 1:20 p.m., showed a handgun to the three tellers inside and ordered them into another room, Police Lt. Ron Dryer said. He then left with an undisclosed amount of money.

There were no customers in the bank when it was robbed, and no one was hurt, Dryer said.

Police were searching for a white man with dark hair and a mustache, described as being about six feet tall and in his late-30's to mid-40's.

Cocaine blamed in man's death

CHICAGO (AP) — A Michigan man whose body was found in a North Side stairwell in December died from opiate and cocaine intoxication, the Cook County medical examiner's office has ruled.

Marc Goldasich, 46, an audio engineer with a company based in Troy, Mich., became the subject of a highly publicized search when he disappeared in November while visiting Chicago for a business event.

He telephoned his wife Nov. 18 to say he was buying food for the homeless after a night of drinking in the Rush Street area, police said.

He had withdrawn $200 from an automatic teller machine, they said.

A maintenance worker found his body Dec. 8, covered with garbage bags, in an apartment building near the Carbini-Green public housing complex.

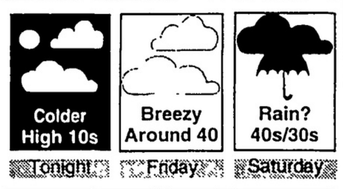
Illinois Lottery

Wednesday
Pick 3-Midday: 8-0-0
Pick 3-Evening: 6-4-9
Pick 4-Midday: 5-1-8-2
Pick 4-Evening: 2-9-6-3
Little Lotto: 1-6-19-22-26
Lotto: 2-7-22-37-39-40
Estimated Lotto Jackpot: $5 million
Estimated Big Game Jackpot: $5 million

PRINTED WITH SOY INK

The Leader is printed with soy ink and is printed on recycled paper.

WEATHER



FORECAST

Clear this evening, then becoming partly cloudy overnight tonight. Colder with the low 15 to 20. Increasing cloudiness and becoming breezy on Friday with a 30 percent chance of rain late. High around 40. Chance of rain on Saturday. High in the middle 40s.

CITATION (AGLC STYLE)
Daily Leader (online), 4 Feb 1999 1 ‹https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A18A9DA9777FAB31D%40EANX-NB-16D63E6A9223F414%402451214-16D63BB72F538F62%400-16D63BB72F538F62%40›
© This entire service and/or content portions thereof are copyrighted by NewsBank and/or its content providers.